

Juvenile Book List

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CHAPTER BOOKS

Realistic

Author	Title	Notes
Butler, Dori Hillstad	<i>The Truth About Truman School</i>	Zebby and Amr create a school web site to speak the truth, which cannot be published in the school paper. But the web site soon becomes a tool for kids to target one another. Moral: A lot of little things (including not helping) can really hurt someone.
Draper, Sharon M.	<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Melody has a photographic memory, so she is a sponge of information. She also has cerebral palsy, preventing her from walking, talking, and writing. When she goes to school, making friends and being involved prove to be difficult but possible.
Going, K.L.	<i>The Liberation of Gabriel King</i>	Gabe is afraid of everything. Frita is brave, Gabe's best friend, and the only black kid in town with an active Ku Klux Klan.
Palacio, R.J.	<i>Wonder</i>	Auggie Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. He's about to start 5th grade, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?
Selznick, Brian	<i>Wonderstruck</i>	Ben and Rose secretly wish their lives were different. Ben longs for the father he has never known. Rose dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook. When Ben discovers a puzzling clue in his mother's room and Rose reads an enticing headline in the newspaper, both children set out alone on desperate quests to find what they are missing.
Shang, Wendy Wan Long	<i>The Great Wall of Lucy Wu</i>	Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.

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Comedy

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Angleberger, Tom	<i>Fake Mustache</i>	Only Lenny realizes that his best friend Casper is an evil genius whose plot to take over the world is succeeding at a rapid pace.
Greenwald, Tommy	<i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading</i>	Charlie Joe Jackson may be the most reluctant reader ever born. And so far, he's managed to get through life without ever reading an entire book from cover to cover. But now that he's in middle school, avoiding reading isn't as easy as it used to be. Charlie Joe finds himself resorting to desperate measures to keep his perfect record intact. Book 2 is <i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Extra Credit</i> and Book 3 is <i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Summer Vacation</i> .
Patterson, James	<i>Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life</i>	It's Rafe Khatchadorian's first day at Hills Village Middle School, and it's shaping up to be the worst year ever. He has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix, but luckily he's got an ace plan for the best year ever--if only he can pull it off. Book 2 is <i>Middle School: Get Me Out of Here</i> , Book 3 is <i>Middle School: How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill</i> , Book 4 is <i>Middle School: My Brother is a Big Fat Liar</i> .
Tashjian, Janet	<i>My Life as a Book</i>	Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list. Book 2: <i>My Life as a Stuntboy</i> , Book 3 is <i>My Life as a Cartoonist</i> .

Mystery

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Amato, Mary	<i>Edgar Allan's Official Crime Investigation Notebook</i>	When someone takes a pet goldfish, then other items from Ms. Herschel's classroom, each time leaving a clue in the form of a poem, student Edgar Allan competes with a classmate to be first to solve the mystery.
Broad, Michael	<i>Agent Amelia</i> series	These are the (preposterous) secret agent case files of Amelia Kidd. She's saved the world loads of times from evil geniuses and criminal masterminds, thanks to her great disguises, her own gadgets (which sometimes work), and her brilliance at improvising in sticky situations. Three stories per book.
O'Connor, Jane	<i>Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth</i>	Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school. A fun series for aging fans of the picture books and easy readers.
Pearson, Ridley	<i>Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark</i>	Finn Whitman and his fellow DHIs, teenagers chosen to serve as actors for a new technology, investigate strange occurrences at Disney theme park attractions, racing to uncover a supernatural force that could destroy the world.

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Historical

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Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children</i>	A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave, Sally Hemings.
Gantos, Jack	<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i>	In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. 2012 Newbery Winner
Lai, Thanhha	<i>Inside Out & Back Again</i>	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama. National Book Award Winner
Schmidt, Gary	<i>Okay for Now</i>	As a fourteen-year-old who just moved to a new town, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug Swieteck has all the stats stacked against him until he finds an ally in Lil Spicer--a fiery young lady. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and a hilarious adventure on a Broadway stage. National Book Award Finalist

Science Fiction & Fantasy

Author	Title	Notes
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. 2013 Newbery Winner
Funke, Cornelia	<i>Ghost Knight</i>	A pack of apparitions endanger the life of Jon Whitcroft, a boy miserably confined to a boarding school. As Jon and his new friend Ella seek to solve a century-old mystery, danger threatens their every move.
George, Jessica Day	<i>Tuesdays at the Castle</i>	Tuesdays at Castle Glower are when the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes even an entire wing. When King and Queen Glower are ambushed and their fate is unknown, it's up to Princess Celie, with her knowledge of the castle's never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.
Haddon, Mark	<i>Boom!</i>	From the moment that Jim and his best friend, Charlie, bug the staff room and overhear two of their teachers speaking to each other in a secret language, they know there's an adventure on its way.

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Non-fiction / Biographies

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Byrd, Robert	<i>Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin</i>	Renaissance man and American founding father, Benjamin Franklin, surges to life in “Electric Ben.” From the electrifying cover to the colonial newspaper format, Byrd’s life of Benjamin Franklin sparkles with as much energy—written and visual—as a book can contain.
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i>	The story of the ill-fated ship in compelling detail, offering a gripping account in the voices of survivors, drawing upon oral histories, historical photographs, letters, telegrams, maps and menus.
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<i>Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America</i>	A collective biography of ten well-known African American men who dramatically changed history. Each acted with fervor and rose to greatness through education and how they chose to live their lives.
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon</i>	A riveting thriller told in three parallel stories: the race against time to build the world’s first atomic bomb; the determination to stop the Nazis from developing it first; and the stealthy efforts of Soviet spies to steal the American plans. 2013 Sibert Award

EASY READERS

Author	Title	Notes
Bell, Cece	<i>Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover</i>	Rabbit and Robot disagree on everything on rabbit’s “To Do” list at their sleepover, including Robot’s insistence of pizza toppings of nuts, bolts, and screws. Everything comes to a halt when Robot’s batteries run low. Humorous cartoon-style illustrations accompany four episodes, perfect for readers transitioning to easy chapter books.
Long, Ethan	<i>Up, Tall and High!</i>	Through illustrations and simple text, birds demonstrate the meanings of the words up, tall, and high. 2013 Geisel Winner
Schneider, Josh	<i>Tales for Very Picky Eaters</i>	A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like. 2012 Geisel Winner
Willems, Mo	<i>Let’s Go for a Drive!</i>	Elephant and Piggie, sharing their high spirits through song and dance, prepare for a drive. Best plans go awry when they realize they have no car. Text clues in color-coded speech bubbles, white backgrounds and bold mixed-media illustrations add to the book’s appeal for beginning readers.

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PICTURE BOOKS

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Daywalt, Drew	<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i>	When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.
Dewdney, Anna	<i>Llama Llama and the Bully Goat</i>	Following their teacher's lead, Llama Llama speaks to Gilroy Goat and tells him he should not act like a bully on the playground. Llama Llama is a fun and popular series.
Klassen, Jon	<i>I Want My Hat Back</i>	A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.
Klassen, Jon	<i>This is Not My Hat</i>	A tiny minnow wearing a pale blue bowler hat has a thing or two up his fins in this underwater light-on-dark chase scene. 2013 Caldecott Winner
Litwin, Eric & Dean, James	<i>Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons</i>	When Pete keeps losing his groovy buttons, does he cry? Goodness no! (Fourth Pete the Cat picture book; now have easy readers too.)
Raschka, Chris	<i>A Ball for Daisy</i>	A wordless picture book about all the fun a dog can have with her ball. 2012 Caldecott Winner
Tullet, Herve	<i>Press Here</i>	Instructs reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create imaginative images.

Awards to Know

John Newbery Medal: Literary excellence for children's literature.

Randolph Caldecott Medal: Artistic excellence in children's picture books.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal: Given to authors and illustrators for contributions to beginning readers.

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Suggested Reader's Advisory Links

www.atn-reading-lists.wikispaces.com

www.nancykeane.com

ww2.kdl.org/libcat/whatsnext.asp (Kent District Library's What's Next database)